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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 14 May 1953, the Koenig Georg Kaserne, Dresden, was occupied by about 230 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 13 May, 10 soldiers were cleaning weapons in the barracks yard. ¹
2. On 14 May, the sentry guarding the MG Kaserne at Alaun Platz wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 9 May, about 120 troops were lined up in the barracks yard; and, on 14 May, 28 soldiers were seen at physical training and soccer, with 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 10 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets watching the game. ²
3. On 6 May, one of the four guns in the AAA emplacement in the bend of the Elbe River between Washington Strasse and Schurftenberger Strasse was still in position, while the other guns were at the dirt road near the emplacement. Seven canvas-covered trucks were seen with them. Between 6 and 14 May, a guard detail of four soldiers was stationed in the emplacement. ³
4. On 14 May, the Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau, was occupied by about 120 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. The quarters on the first floor were observed to be vacant. ⁴ 25X1
5. On 11 May, [] the construction of the spur track from Radebeul to the Trafo Plants, Uebigau, had been discontinued because of financial difficulties. ⁵ 25X1
6. On 14 May, the Hermann-Goering Kaserne in Dresden-Klotzsche was occupied by a guard detail and the tank repair shop previously stationed there, which utilized the motor vehicle shed on Koenigsbruecker Strasse as workshop and the bays of the veterinary hospital as garages. About 25 to 35 percent of the entire installation were lighted at dusk on 7 May. ¹
7. [] a change in the occupation of the Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau, took place between 28 April and 3 May. A rear detail, presumably as cadre personnel for newly arrived recruits, remained in the installation. [] Sen- 25X1
tries observed during the period under review wore black-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

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[redacted] on 28 April, the entire washing of the personnel; including laundry not yet washed, was unexpectedly picked up. Officers' wives bought unusually much, included suitcases. 4

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8. [redacted] a spur track was being built between the Radebeul railroad station and the Koch and Sterzel Firm named Trafo Plants. An extension of the track, as far as the AAA emplacement, was determined. 5 Four guns were seen in the emplacement as was observed previously. On 18 April, about 30 troops practiced loading and aiming in the emplacement. On 2 May, about 40 soldiers received instruction on the guns. 3

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9. On 23 April, a shipment of 20 flatcars carrying canvas-covered guns, [redacted] believed [redacted] AA or AT guns; and 5 boxcars, occupied by troops, was seen en route, coming from the direction of Dresden and proceeding toward Chemnitz. [redacted] during the night, several shipments came from, and went to, the same directions. 6

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10. Between 5 and 14 May, officers wearing red-bordered golden and blue-bordered golden epaulets were repeatedly seen entering or leaving the Grenadier Kaserne 101. [redacted]

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11. On 14 May, [redacted] the guns in the AAA emplacement in the destroyed area of Grenadier Kaserne 101 were covered with canvas. 7

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12. On 8 May, about 70 soldiers were seen in the area of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. A total of 4 trucks, 1 sedan and 1 trailer with equipment were in the yards on Toller Strasse and Tannen Strasse. The sentry at the assembly shop on Tannen Strasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 11 May, 16 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, including 6 soldiers who reinforced a telephone mast on Koenigsbruecker Strasse, were seen in the barracks area. Truck [redacted] was being loaded in front of the garages on 13 May. 8

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13. On 8 May, 19 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with rifles and carrying a practice target, left the Bucher Kaserne toward Dresden Heath. [redacted]

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[redacted] Between 8 and 13 May, sentries seen wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. 9

14. On 19 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Dresden-Nickern, was occupied by about 350 to 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with signal or motor transport insignia. On 19 May, about 350 troops were lined up in the barracks yard. At 9:45 p.m. on 8 May, five trucks, each towing a 76-mm AT gun, left the installation toward Niedersedlitz, with each truck occupied by about 8 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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[redacted] Four trucks, each occupied by about 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing a 120-mm mortar [redacted]

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[redacted] left the installation in the same direction. On 14 May, about 30 soldiers were seen maintaining motor vehicles and 20 soldiers engaged in the construction of trenches and foxholes in the barracks area. On 16 May, truck [redacted] towing a 120-mm mortar and occupied by six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route from and to the installation [redacted]

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15. On 17 May, the Napola and the Hermann-Goering Kaserne were occupied by two rear details. [redacted] 1 25X1
16. On 17 May, the Polizei Kaserne in Hellerau was occupied only by a small rear detail. [redacted] 25X1
17. On 17 May, the Koenig Georg Kaserne was occupied only by a rear detail. Only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen en route to the installation. [redacted] 25X1
18. On 17 May, the former Luftkriegsschule in Dresden-Weixdorf was occupied to capacity by about 500 to 600 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Air force officers and air force vehicles from the Klotzsche airfield were continually seen en route to the installation. Intensive training in firing with rifles and submachine guns was observed at the firing range in the barracks area and about 80 soldiers were repeatedly seen at drill. [redacted] 25X1
19. On 16 May, the SS-Kaserne Wilder Mann was occupied by about 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. On 11 May, about 290 troops and 8 trucks were seen in an exercise on the northern side of the Heller. Troops and vehicles observed returned to the installation at about 3:45 p.m. Between 17 and 22 May, 3 T-34/85 tanks, and 12 sidecar motorcycles, including 3 mounting machine guns, were seen in the Heller training area. Motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] en route from and to the installation. About 40 soldiers engaged in the construction of field fortifications on the Heller-Klotzsche road between 12 and 16 May. Six firing positions for tanks, 6 mortar emplacements and 1 AT emplacement for allround defense were observed. 12 25X1
20. On 22 May, the Nachrichten Kaserne, Uebigau, was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black, blue-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Between 2 and 9 May, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Logs, beams and boards were continually trucked to the installation and stored in a shed. [redacted] 25X1
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21. On 22 May, the SS-Kaserne Wilder Mann was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the troops were no recruits but trained soldiers, about 20 to 23 years of age. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] this unit, after a special training, detached troops to other troop units. On 5 May, 20 soldiers were seen in practice attacks, 10 soldiers were throwing hand grenades, and 10 soldiers practiced with a T-34/85 and a JS-3 tank in the barracks area. In the morning of 8 May, aiming was practiced with three 76-mm AT guns at miniature tanks, which were moved by means of a string. [redacted] 25X1
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22. On 30 May, the Strassburg Kaserne, Grimma, was occupied by a rear detail of about 10 to 15 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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23. On 30 May, the Elsner Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 11 May, sedan [redacted] occupied by two captains wearing red-bordered golden epaulets with tank insignia was seen leaving the installation. On 9 May [redacted] truck [redacted] picked up seven baskets of washing at the laundry opposite the Elsner Kaserne and left toward Dresden. 25X1
24. On 30 May, the Nagma installation was occupied by a rear detail of about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the fuel and ammunition depot.
25. On 12 May, the Strassburg Kaserne was occupied only by a guard detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 25X1
26. On 12 May, the Elsner Kaserne was occupied by a guard detail only. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. The officers' billets north of the installation were also vacant.
27. On 12 May, the former Amtshauptmannschaft (administrative building) was partially occupied by sick, and was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The school was closed and unguarded.
28. On 12 May, the firing range in the quarry was unguarded. [redacted] activity at both, the firing range and the Otterwisch training grounds. 13 25X1 25X1
29. On 6 May, the Flak Kaserne, Wurzen, was vacant, except for a small guard detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. No barracks windows were lighted at about 9 p.m. No vehicular traffic was observed between 26 April and 6 May.
30. On 7 May, the Flak Kaserne, Wurzen, was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Only a few windows were lighted after nightfall. [redacted] the officers' billets were vacant. [redacted] no [redacted] training activity between 25 April and 7 May, except for about 10 soldiers, who were several times seen at physical training in the barracks yard. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1
31. On 5 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Leipzig was occupied by about 40 to 60 soldiers, with the sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
32. On 5 May, the former post hospital was occupied by about 100 to 120 troops wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered blue epaulets. Intensive traffic was observed between the post hospital and the Hindenburg Kaserne. [redacted] 15 25X1
33. On 5 May, the Treitschke Kaserne was occupied by about 100 to 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] a kommandatura unit was stationed in the installation. Uniformed women but no vehicular traffic were observed. 16 25X1
34. On 5 May, the Train Kaserne was occupied by about 20 to 100 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. [redacted] 16 25X1
35. On 7 May, the Flak Kaserne, Leipzig-Schoenau, was occupied by about 20 to 50 soldiers. The guard wore red-bordered black epaulets. No motor vehicles were observed. 17

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36. On 11 May, the barracks installation at Leipzig-Heiterblick was lightly occupied by about 150 to 200 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three T-34/85 tanks were seen at driving practice at the training area southeast of the installation, and about 34 troops with small arms were behind one of the tanks. Four trucks, including driving school trucks [redacted] were seen in the vicinity of the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [redacted] 18 25X1
37. On 15 May, the barracks installation at Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Between 24 April and 15 May, about 100 troops received field training in the barracks area; about 35 soldiers entered the installation; and about 25 soldiers and 3 tanks were seen at training south of the installation. On 15 May, six JS tanks were seen at driving practice in the terrain south of the installation. [redacted] 25X1
38. On 19 May, the von-der-Golz Kaserne in Riesa appeared to be completely vacant. A sentry observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 25X1
39. On 19 May, the Mudra Kaserne was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed in the barracks area. [redacted] 19 25X1
40. On 16 May, the von-der-Busche Kaserne and the Friedrich-August Kaserne, Leisnig, were occupied by each one rear detail of 80 to 100 men, including a few wearing tank or artillery insignia. [redacted] no [redacted] training activity between 1 and 16 May, except for noise of infantry weapons, which was heard from the firing range at the von-der-Busche Kaserne on several days. [redacted] 25X1
41. At 4:30 a.m. on 16 May, a JS-3 tank was detrained at the Leisnig railroad station and, subsequently, left for the von-der-Busche Kaserne. [redacted] the tank went to the repair shop. 20 25X1
42. On 9 May, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bonitzsch was occupied by a rear detail of 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the south section of the installation was vacant. [redacted] after nightfall, about 15 percent of the windows were lighted. The only training activity observed were 12 soldiers engaged in physical training on 16 April. 21 25X1
43. On 14 May, the Zaschendorf barracks installation, Meissen, was occupied only by a small guard detail. No training activity or vehicular traffic were observed.
44. On 14 May, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bonitzsch was only lightly occupied. No activity was observed in the barracks area. On 9 May, truck [redacted] loaded with coal, entered the installation. 21 25X1
45. On 5 May, trucks [redacted] were seen in front of the garages in the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse, Chemnitz. Ten more trucks were in the barracks yard. On 8 May, about 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen at combat practice on the training field on Werfel Strasse. 22 25X1

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46. On 2 May, the east section of the barracks installation in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and some uniformed women; and the west section was occupied as previously by a hospital. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 2 May, about 30 soldiers at physical training and 25 officers at a fencing practice with sticks were seen in the barracks area. 25X1
1. Comment. The occupation by rear details of this installation is known. 25X1
The elements of the 11th Gds Tank Div stationed there are, at present, at Koenigsbrueck.
2. Comment. The occupation of the MG Kaserne at Alaun Platz is undetermined. Prior to 1952, only troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets had been reported stationed there. In January 1953 [] for the first time [] troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets stationed there. 25X1
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3. Comment. The AAA emplacement is known. The crew may have been relieved in May. 25X1
4. Comment. No other information on a change in the occupation of the barracks installation in Uebigau has been obtained. The unidentified engineer regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army carried there, during the summer months, presumably is in the Muehlberg training area, northwest of Riesa, while the 134th Gds Engr Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div is either there or at Koenigsbrueck. The information [] of paragraph 19 may also indicate that an engineer unit was in the installation in late May. The red-bordered black epaulets observed may indicate AAA units of the First Gds Mecz Army. [] The observations [] may have been in connection with the departure of elements for exercises. 25X1
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5. Comment. No information on the construction of this spur track has been obtained. 25X1
6. Comment. Presumably units of the 6th Gds AAA Div [] from Chemnitz, which went to Koenigsbrueck for firing. [] on 28 April, reported the entraining of AA guns. [] 25X1
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7. Comment. The Grenadier Kaserne 101 appears to be occupied as previously by the Hq First Gds Mecz Army, which is also indicated by the manned AAA emplacement. [] 25X1
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8. Comment. The information fails to indicate whether the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, as during the summer months of the preceding year, was occupied to capacity. According to previous reports, the unidentified signal regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army has been carried there. In January 1953, [] for the first time, reported 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, [] since 1951, mostly reported troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and only occasionally a major number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Thus, there is the possibility, that a second unit may also be stationed in the installation, possibly the 27th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div, the location of which is undetermined. A depot of electrical equipment is located in the northeast corner of the installation between Kurt Fischer Allee and Ernst Thaelmann Strasse. The capacity of the installation would be sufficient for these three elements. [] 25X1
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9. Comment. An MVD unit is confirmed in the Bucher Kaserne, which adjoins the Grenadier Kaserne 101 to the north. 25X1
10. Comment. [redacted] the 399th Gds How Arty Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div had left for Koenigsbrueck in mid-April, whereas a previous report [redacted] also indicated that, in early May, major elements were still in the barracks installation. 25X1
The guns and mortars observed on 8 May may belong to the motorcycle battalion carried there. 25X1
11. Comment. No change in the occupation of the installation is discernible.
12. Comment. The SS-Kaserne Wilder Mann is carried occupied by the 9th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div or the 6th Mtrcl Bn of the 1st Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
13. Comment. [redacted] the barracks installations occupied by the elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, which left for Koenigsbrueck, are occupied only by small rear details. 25X1
[redacted] in early May, [redacted] the installations occupied by 200 to 300 troops each.
14. Comment. The 20th Gds Mecz Regt stationed in Wurzen and the 265th Gds Mort Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div left for Koenigsbrueck in mid-April.
15. Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of the former post hospital and the Hindenburg Kaserne. 25X1
16. Comment. The Train Kaserne is believed occupied by repair shop and supply units. The Treitschke Kaserne is fairly definitely believed occupied by an MVD unit.
17. [redacted]
18. Comment. [redacted] the unidentified tank training battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div can be carried in the barracks installation in Heiterblick as previously. 25X1
19. Comment. The elements of the 9th Tank Div stationed in Riesa can be assumed at Zeithain since mid-April. 25X1
20. Comment. [redacted] The information [redacted] contains no indication for a transfer to the KVP of the installations mentioned.
21. Comment. The elements of the 9th Tank Div and the 11th Gds Tank Div, since mid-April, can be carried at Zeithain and Koenigsbrueck respectively. 25X1
22. Comment. The information does not indicate a change in the occupation of these barracks installations in Chemnitz.

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